FISCAL NOTE

HB 1059 - SB 1724

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires students to successfully complete the college core curriculum in high school to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship or Access grant to attend an eligible four-year postsecondary institution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Decreases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$5,331,400 in FY07-08 and by \$4,779,400 in FY08-09.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, approximately 8,500 students graduated from high school on a technical path in the 2005-06 academic year.
- Assuming an increase of 10% in the number of graduates on a technical path, this number would increase to 9,350 in 2006-07. It is further assumed that 15% of these students would enroll at an eligible four-year institution.
- Under the provisions of the bill, 1,403 students would be ineligible for the HOPE Scholarship and would not receive the award of \$3,800. The decrease in lottery expenditures is estimated to be \$5,331,400 in the first year.
- Based on a 10% decrease in students, in the second year an estimated 1,263 students would be ineligible to receive the award of \$3,800. The decrease in lottery expenditures is estimated to be \$4,799,400 in the second year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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